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1. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL, KEYED TO SAME ALPHABETIZATION AS PARA 5 REFTEL:
(A) IRANIAN NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTICS ADMINISTRATION (INPNA) OFFICERS ARE TRAINED AT THREE-YEAR IRANIAN NATIONAL POLICE (INP) ACADEMY. FOLLOWING GRADUATION, OFFICERS ENTERING CID AND PRISON DUTY RECEIVE SIX-MONTH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COURSE. IN THE THREE-YEAR COURSE, THEY GET GENERAL INDOCTRINATION TO NARCOTICS WORK. IN THE SIX-MONTH COURSE, THEY RECEIVE UP TO 70 HOURS OF SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS TRAINING. IMPERIAL IRANIAN GENDARMERIE (IIG) HAS A TWO-YEAR ACADEMY WITH A GENERALIZED ORIENTATION TO NARCOTICS PROBLEMS.
(B) SPECIFIC NARCOTICS TRAINING IS BASICALLY IDENTIFICATION OF DRUGS, FAMILIARIZATION WITH IRANIAN NARCOTICS LAWS, HISTORY OF NARCOTICS, ETC. IT DOES NOT COVER DEVELOPMENT OF NARCOTICS INFORMATS, SURVEILLANCE OF NARCOTICS SUSPECTS OR OTHER GENERAL CATEGORIES WHICH ARE COVERED IN THE SIX-MONTH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COURSE. ADDITIONAL 20 HOURS OF NARCOTICS TRAINING IS PROVIDED IN MID-CAREER THREE-MONTH COURSE NOTED BELOW.
(C) THREE-YEAR INP ACADEMY NOTED ABOVE, TWO-YEAR IIG ACADEMY AND SIX-MONTH SPECIAL CID COURSE, PLUS THREE-MONTH REFRESHER
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COURSE FOR OFFICERS BEING PROMOTED FROM CAPTAIN TO MAJOR.

(D) TRAINING FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL AT POLICE ACADEMY IS CONDUCTED BY INPNA CHIEF BRIG. GEN. SEYED-TAHERI AND INPNA CAPT REZA NEMATOLLAHI. GENDARMERIE NARCOTICS TRAINING IS CONDUCTED BY OFFICERS WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, INVOLVED IN NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT. LATTER'S KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE PRIMARILY DERIVED FROM EXPERIENCE, WITH LITTLE IF ANY FORMAL INSTRUCTOR TRAINING.

(E) IN PAST THREE YEARS, DEA DISTRICT OFFICE TEHRAN HAS SENT 21 NP OFFICERS TO DEA'S ADVANCED SIX-WEEK TRAINING SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. DEA TEHRAN HAS ALSO HOSTED TWO IN-COUNTRY TRAINING SCHOOLS IN SPRING OF 1974 AND 1975 WHICH TRAINED TOTAL OF 80 LOWER-RANKING OFFICERS. THIRD SUCH COURSE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1977.

UN CONDUCTED NARCOTICS SEMINAR HERE IN 1975.

(F) INPNA HAS LONG HISTORY OF TRAINING RECEIVED FROM US BUREAU OF NARCOTICS. PRESENT INPNA HEAD TRAINED BY BNDD 17 YEARS AGO. WHILE INPNA IS SMALL ORGANIZATION IT HAS PROVED REMARKABLY EFFECTIVE. SEIZURES IN FIRST 10 MONTHS OF CALENDAR 1976 TOTALED: HEROIN 70 KG; HASHISH 1600 KG; OPIUM 2000 KG. LARGE MAJORITY OF SUCCESSES DUE TO INFORMANT NETWORK WHICH IS ALMOST ENTIRELY RESULT OF US TRAINING.

(G) YES, PROVIDED SUGGESTION BROACHED GRADUALLY WITH EXTENSIVE MUTUAL GIVE-AND-TAKE TO DEVELOP SUITABLE PROGRAM.

(H) DEA COULD BEGIN BY PROVIDING INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING, MOST LIKELY IN US, FOR INPNA CAPT NEMATOLLAHI AND AADITIONAL SELECTED OFFICER(S) FROM INP AND IIG ACADEMIES. FOLLOWING THIS TRAINING, DEA COULDHFFER AGENT TO ASSIST TRAINED INDIVIDUALS IN DEMONSTRATION LECTURES AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AT IRANAIN ACADEMIES.

(I) IRAN IS CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING REGIONAL NARCOTICS TRAINING, ESPECIALLY IF IRANIAN PROGRAM IS BEEFED UP BY ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTOR TRAINING. BECAUSE OF NATIONAL SENSIBILITIES, IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE JOINT AFGHAN/PAK OR PAK/INDIAN TRAINING AT SAME TIME, BUT THESE WOULD BE CONSIDERATIONS FOR PLANNING SPECIFIC TYPES OF TRAINING.

2. WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT LIKELIHOOD OF ACCEPTANCE OF PROGRAMS BY IRANIANS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO ADVANCE CONSULTATION ON POSSIBILITIES. BELIEVE IRANIANS SLOWLY BECOMING AWARE OF INCREASING DIMENSIONS OF THEIR NARCOTICS PROBLEM. U.S. OFFERS OF HELP WILL BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF PRESENTED IN TERMS OF WHAT IRANIAN LEADERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND BUREAUCRACY SEE AS ORGANICALLY EVOLVING NEED. FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, THE MORE GROUNDWORK THAT CAN BE LAID, THE BETTER. HELMS

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